THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) (a) to (c) A final decision has not yet been taken.

New Method to Set Farm Output Target

614. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have evolved any new method to set farm output target;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any working groups have been constituted for agriculture and its allied sectors; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and how the working groups would function?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) to (d) Working Groups are set up for agriculture and allied sectors. The Working Groups also recommend targets of agricultural production taking into account the past performance, the growth rate, the productivity level achieved and other relevant factors such as irrigation facilities, availaility of inputs including fertilisers, seeds, etc.

For the Eighth Five Year Plan, 20 Working Groups have been set up for agriculture and allied sectors, various inputs, demand and supply projections, agricultural research and education and extension, etc. The Working Groups are to function according to the terms of reference and time frame set for them.

Requirement of Accommodations for Central Government Employees

615. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had failed to implement their crash housing programme in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is requirement of nearly 2 lakh quarters in the country for Central Government employees and Government had so far provided only 83,000 quarters; and

(c) if so, the further steps Government propose to take to boost its housing activity in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The demand as on 1-1-88 was about 1.88 lakhs, based on restricted applications, against which the availability was 81290.

(c) New projects are taken up, depending upon availability of funds and subject to other constraints.

International Labour Organisation's offer to expand Technical Collaboration Activities

616. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International Labour Organisation (ILO) propose to expand its technical collaboration activities in the field of poverty alleviation, employment generation, rural development and organisational building programmes in the unorganised sector;

(b) whether Government propose to formulate a scheme to train the workers in the unorganised sector; and

(c) if so, the extent to which Government will take help of the ILO in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKRISHAN MALAVIYA): (a) A number of ILO projects are going on in various fields some of which are related to unorganised sector. However, there is no specific commitment from ILO to expand substantially its collaboration in any specific area.